



SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent of an Elementary Aged Student:

The Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA) is a federal program implemented to ensure that all students will reach a “proficient” level of achievement by the year 2013-2014. The Title I federal aid program falls under ESEA, and therefore, all parents of students in schools funded through Title I (all SSUSD elementary schools) must receive notification of parental rights. Under this act parents must be notified of their rights at the beginning of the school year.

The 2001 reauthorization of Title I gives parents the following rights:

- ❖ The right to participate in the development of a written parent involvement policy that is incorporated into the district’s plan
- ❖ The right to an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to explain the school’s participation in Title I and the parent’s right to be involved
- ❖ The right to timely information about the programs, including a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school
- ❖ The right to school performance and individual student performance profiles
- ❖ The right to timely responses to suggestions made by parents
- ❖ The right to receive information about language program options for English Learners including the right to not enroll in any such program
- ❖ The right to know the Program Improvement status (where a school has not met its adequate yearly growth targets) of the school in which their child attends- Faller (year 2), Pierce (year 2), and Richmond (year 3) remain in Program Improvement in 2014-15
- ❖ The right to supplemental educational services from approved providers outside of the school district for children enrolled in schools that are not making adequate yearly progress (Notification of eligible schools will be made in late Sept./ early October- only available for socio-economically students at specific schools)
- ❖ The right to transfer out of a school that is part of the Program Improvement into one that is not in Program Improvement (school choice- currently Faller, Pierce, and Richmond)
- ❖ The “Parents Right to Know,” in which parents have the right to request the professional qualifications of the teacher of their child
- ❖ The right to receive “in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practical, provided in a language that the parents can understand” annual state and district report cards that explain the academic achievement level of all students
- ❖ The right to be informed of the district’s current privacy policy and dates of any activities related to surveys

If you have questions regarding your rights as the parent of a student enrolled in a Title I school, please contact the Office of Instruction and Curriculum at 499-1640 or your child’s school.

Sincerely,

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